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MICHAEL E. DEBAKEY INTERNATIONAL MILITARY SURGEONS' AWARD

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DEFINITION: Under the auspices of the USU Surgical Associates dedicated entirely to supporting the Department of Surgery at USUHS, this Award is presented each year in the Spring at the USU Surgical Associates Day in recognition of outstanding contributions to international military surgery by a surgeon from a country other than the United States. The international contributions of Doctor DeBakey to military surgery as well as those to the United States Armed Forces are recognized with gratitude. The Michael E. DeBakey International Military Surgeon's Award complements the Baron Dominique Jean Larrey Award for Excellence in Military Surgery given to an American military surgeon each year.

OBJECTIVES: Similar to the leadership of Doctor DeBakey to military surgery as an example the Michael E. DeBakey International Military Surgeon's Award is presented annually to an international military surgeon who has made specific and valuable contributions to the Department of Surgery at USUHS as well as to the overall military surgical mission. Doctor DeBakey served as the Army Surgical Consultant at the end of World War II. Subsequently, he was the primary surgeon in operations on dignitaries in 30 countries worldwide. Nomination of potential candidates is open with the selection process receiving input from previous recipients, from the Visiting Board and the Senior Surgeons in the Department of Surgery, USUHS, and from officers and the Board of Directors of the USU Surgical Associates. The Chairman of the Department of Surgery, USUHS has the responsibility of identifying the specific contributions to the USUHS mission by candidates.

STATUS: From the inception, Doctor DeBakey has been a very active participant in the selection process. The initial presentation to General Bo Rybeck, the Swedish Surgeon General, set the emphasis for excellence in international military surgery. Doctor Rybeck provided leadership in wound ballistics, organizing a series of international symposia on wound ballistics. All of the recipients have provided valuable lectures at USUHS giving additional insight into the respective organizations and goals by a variety of military medical organizations throughout the world. The selection process has transcended national borders and ideologies emphasizing that international military surgeons have a common language in their commitment to assisting those who have had the misfortune to be injured on the battlefield. A plaque identifying the Award is presented. Ten year commemorative plaques for the Michael E. DeBakey International Military Surgeon's Award will be included in the Department of Surgery Portrait Gallery. The most recent Award to General Yuri L. Shevchenko, a cardiovascular surgeon of international renown and the current Dean of the Russian Military Medical Academy, was an outstanding example of the success of the Michael E. DeBakey International Military Surgeon's Award activities. General Shevchenko identified the importance of continuing collaborative efforts between his own Military Medical Academy and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

PROJECTION: Based on Doctor DeBakey's international recognition, this Award has become increasingly prestigious which also reflects favorably upon the efforts of the Department of Surgery to support the mission of the F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. It is hoped that additional exchange will expand with the Michael E. DeBakey International Surgical Society and the USU Surgical Associates in support of this important annual endeavor.



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Under the auspices of the USU Surgical Associates dedicated entirely to supporting the Department of Surgery at USUHS this Award was presented on the first Friday in April at the annual USU Surgical Associates Day in recognition of the truly outstanding contributions that Doctor DeBakey has made to Surgery in general and specifically to international and military aspects of surgery. Individuals are identified who have made significant contributions to international military surgery. Contributions to the USUHS mission have been extremely valuable and greatly appreciated. Fortunately, the majority of these presentations have been made by Doctor DeBakey each year.

<i>1st</i>	1984	Surgeon General Bo Rybeck	Sweden
<i>2nd</i>	1985	Major General Daniel P. Rignault	France
<i>3rd</i>	1986	Major General Robert Scott	United Kingdom
<i>4th</i>	1987	Surgeon General Carl F. Tidemann	Norway
<i>5th</i>	1988	Major General Mihailo Djuknić	Yugoslavia
<i>6th</i>	1989	General Inspecteur Jean Miné	France
<i>7th</i>	1990	Colonel Seppo A. Tikka	Finland
<i>8th</i>	1991	Colonel Pablo de la Cruz Velasco Alvarez	Mexico
<i>9th</i>	1992	Major General Volker Grabarek	Germany
<i>10th</i>	1993	Colonel Jean Henri Dunant	Switzerland

The 10th Michael E. DeBakey International Military Surgeon's Award was presented at the 13th USU Surgical Associates Day on Friday, 2 April 1993.



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<i>11th</i>	1994	Brigadier Ian Haywood	United Kingdom
<i>12th</i>	1995	Major General László Svéd	Hungary
<i>13th</i>	1996	General Yuri L. Shevchenko	Russia
<i>14th</i>	1997	Director General Jaime Cohen-Yañez	Mexico
<i>15th</i>	1998	Professor Wang Zheng-guo	Peoples Republic of China
<i>16th</i>	1999	Major General Ann-Marie Göransson	Sweden
<i>17th</i>	2000	Colonel Peter Roberts	United Kingdom
<i>18th</i>	2001	Brig.-Med. Ary D'Olivéira Ferreira	Brasil
<i>19th</i>	2002	General Pavel Brusov	Russia
<i>20th</i>	2003	Colonel Peter D. Byrne	Australia

The 20th Michael E. DeBakey International Military Surgeon's Award will be presented at the 23rd USU Surgical Associates Day in the spring of 2003.



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<i>21st</i>	2004	Professor James M. Ryan (Col, late RAMC)	London/USUHS
<i>22nd</i>	2005	Colonel Horst Peter Becker Colonel Heinz Gerngroß	Bundeswehrzentral Krankenhaus Koblenz Bundeswehr Krankenhaus Ulm
<i>23rd</i>	2006		
<i>24th</i>	2007		
<i>25th</i>	2008		
<i>26th</i>	2009		
<i>27th</i>	2010		
<i>28th</i>	2011		
<i>29th</i>	2012		
<i>30th</i>	2013		

For the 22nd Michael E. DeBakey International Military Surgeon's Award, special recognition will be presented to Professor Wilhelm Hartel (Colonel, retired, from Ulm) who mentored Colonels Becker and Gerngroß.

The 30th Michael E. DeBakey International Military Surgeon's Award will be presented at the 33rd USU Surgical Associates Day in the spring of 2013.